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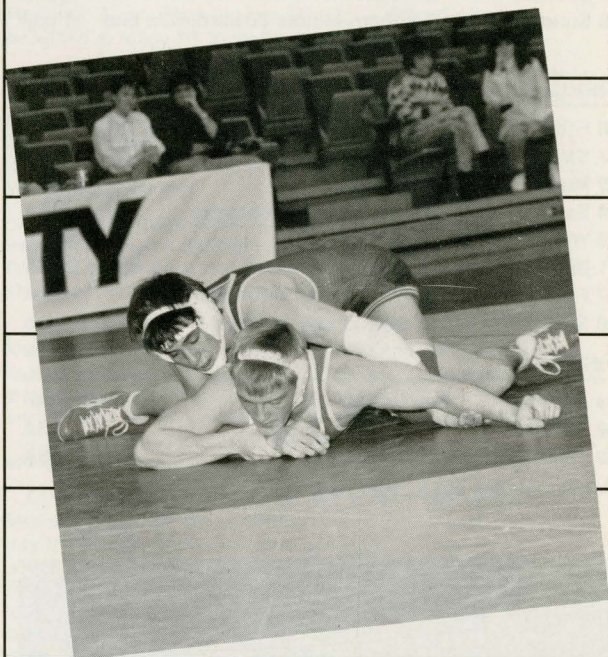
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1988-89

WRESTLING

1988-89 Schedule

November

19 Saturday	Ohio Open	9 am
20 Sunday	Ohio Open	10 am

December

3 Saturday	Pitt-Johnstown	1 pm
7 Wednesday	at Ashland	6 pm
10 Saturday	at Millersville Invitational	10 am
18 Sunday	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Cleveland State	1 pm

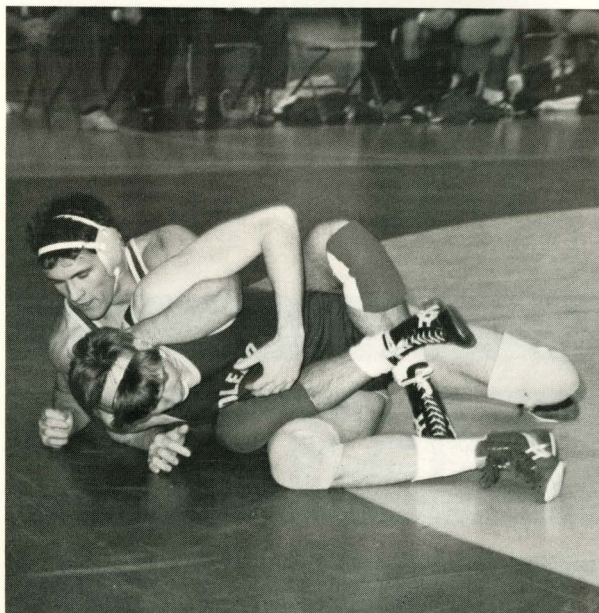
January

6 Friday	at Midwest Classic (Indianapolis, IN)	4:30 pm
7 Saturday	at Midwest Classic (Indianapolis, IN)	9 am
9 Monday	Eastern Illinois	6:30 pm
14 Saturday	Tennessee-Chattanooga	1 pm
18 Wednesday	at Miami	6:30 pm
21 Saturday	at Indiana Invitational	TBA
27 Friday	at West Liberty Invitational	5 pm
28 Saturday	at West Liberty Invitational	6 pm

February

4 Saturday	at Toledo	1 pm
18 Saturday	at Olivet Nazarene	TBA
23 Thursday	Dayton	TBA

Home matches are in bold type.



Outlook

Like most of the other Wright State University athletic programs, the move to Division I status during the 1987-88 year was not culture shock for the wrestling program. The Raiders had established themselves as one of the top Division II teams in the region and had strengthened their schedule to include traditional wrestling powers. As a result, it was a prepared squad that first delved into the Division I waters last season.

With two Division II All-Americans, seniors **Chris Gelvin** and **Skip Smith**, still on the roster, third-year head coach Al Manning hopes to improve on last season's ninth-place finish in the East Regional. Again, Manning has lined up a difficult schedule designed to ready his team for postseason competition.

"I'm a firm believer in a tough schedule," said Manning. "How can we call ours a good program if we don't compete against schools known for their wrestling programs? Our kids have to beat the best in the country to get to nationals, and if we don't wrestle those people during the season, our chances won't be very good at the end.

"A lot of our guys found out last year that we aren't that far away from being a top-flight Division I team. We have some talented people back and some experience backing them up. It should be an exciting team."

While Smith (142) red-shirted last season, Gelvin was one of four wrestlers that placed in the regional and will return this season. Junior **Jerry Williams** led the way in the regional with a fourth-place finish at 126, Gelvin placed fifth at 134, and sophomores **Dave Bierman** and **Al Crespo** finished sixth at 177 and 150, respectively. Those five grapplers will provide Manning with some quality experience for half of his lineup.

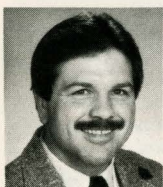
Others returnees will compete with a seemingly strong freshman class for the remaining spots. At 118, sophomore **Jay Utt** should get the call after posting a 3-3 mark in limited action last season. There could be a real battle at 158 with sophomore **Ken Smith** and freshman **Brett Luebke** competing for the top spot. Another freshman, **Joe Richardson**, could benefit from a lack of depth at 167. The 190 class will be contested by a pair of upperclassmen, junior **Deat LaCour** and senior **Chris Tsamasiros**, who saw most of the action last year but is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Junior **Jamie Baker** returns at heavyweight after a 14-16 record last year.

Newcomers include sophomore **Travis Blake** (126) and freshmen **Duane Dyar** (118), **Dan Parker** (126), **John Trame** (150), **Adolphis Ward** (190/Hwy) and **Chris Wazgar** (134).

The Raiders will face a dual-meet schedule that includes Eastern Illinois and Tennessee-Chattanooga, both of which are Top 20-caliber Division I teams. Cleveland State is one of the top teams in Ohio, and traditional Division II national powers Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Pitt-Johnstown, and Ashland are also on the slate.

In addition, Wright State will host the Ohio Open, and participate in the Midwest Classic in Indianapolis and the West Liberty Invitational in West Virginia.

Coaching Staff



Al Manning

Head Coach Third Year

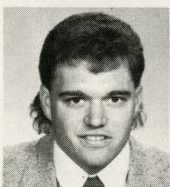
Two years ago, Al Manning had to replace a Wright State wrestling legend. Now, Manning is working to leave his own marks in the Raider wrestling coaching files. The legend is Stamat Bulugaris, a man who started and nurtured the Wright State wrestling program through thirteen years of varsity competition. In 1986, Manning took over the Raider program and passed his initial head coaching test with flying colors. He led Wright State through the transition with a fine 7-5 record and a fourteenth-place finish at the Division II national championships. In addition, Manning's Raiders whipped three-time defending Division II national champion Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 23-13, in a dual meet. Last year, Wright State moved up to Division I and had four wrestlers place at the regionals.

Manning, a native of Miamisburg, Ohio, graduated in 1978 from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, with a degree in industrial education. He is a two-time Ohio state freestyle champion and placed fourth in the Ohio state tournament as a 167-pound senior from Miamisburg High School.

While at Ball State, Manning became the wrestler with the most wins in Cardinal history with a career record of 75-12-2. He qualified for the NCAA Division I championships twice and won the Mid-American Conference 177-pound title his senior year. Manning also excelled in the classroom, earning the distinction of being named Ball State's Mid-American Conference Scholar-Athlete.

After graduating from college, Manning served as head wrestling coach at Kettering's Fairmont West High School until the consolidation of Fairmont West and Fairmont East in 1983. During his five years at West, he coached the Dragons to a 29-24 record.

Manning resides in Kettering with his wife, Terre, and his children, Alison and Nicholas.



Jack Thomas

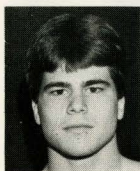
Assistant Coach Second Year

Following a wrestling career that placed him number three on the all-time Wright State win list, Jack Thomas returned last season as an assistant coach to further strengthen the program that he helped build as an athlete.

Thomas accumulated 113 wins in his four-year career as a Raider, putting him behind only Tim Begley and Jim Kordik. He placed seventh at the Division II national championships as a sophomore and also won the Raider Award. He finished second in the Mideast Regionals as a junior en route to a 30-9 record. The 150-pounder polished off his collegiate career with a 24-12-1 mark and a third consecutive appearance at nationals.

Thomas is a 1983 graduate of Northmont High School.

Returning Wrestlers



Matt Akers
Sophomore 177 pounds
Tiffin/Columbian

Started at 167 last season but will move up to 177 this year. One of five freshmen who earned starting roles in their first season. Completed his senior season in high school with a fifth-place finish at the Class AAA state championships on his way to a 33-4 record. Was 1986 AAU Grand National Greco-Roman, and Junior Olympic freestyle and Greco-Roman champion.

Akers's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1987-88	8	18	0	1



Jamie Baker
Junior Heavyweight
Fostoria/St. Wendelin

Improved in the win category with 14 last season. Etched his name in the Wright State record book with an eight-second pin, the fastest in Raider history. Was a Class A state champion as a senior, finishing with a 33-0 record and 23 pins. Holds St. Wendelin records for career wins (90) and career pins (64).

Baker's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1986-87	7	12	0	3
1987-88	14	16	1	2
Totals	21	28	1	5

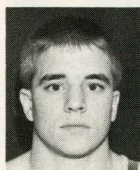


Dave Bierman
Sophomore 177/190 pounds
Batavia/Clermont Northeastern

Saved his best wrestling for the East Regional where he placed sixth at 177, finishing the season with a 6-9 record. Was the sectional champion as a high school senior and placed fourth at districts. Led team in takedowns and pins, notching a 28-4 record his final season.

Bierman's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1987-88	6	9	0	0



Aaron Bland
Sophomore 126 pounds
Tiffin/Columbian

Wrestled at two different weight classes, 126 and 142. Had a 0-2 record in both classes. Placed fourth at districts his senior season in high school, finishing with a 19-8 record and 10 pins. Captain and MVP as a senior.

Bland's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1987-88	0	4	0	0



Al Crespo
Sophomore 150 pounds
Garfield Heights/Trinity

Was one of four Wright State wrestlers to place at regionals last season. Compiled a 3-2 record while placing sixth at regionals. Ended season with a 5-7 record. Was Class AA state champion at 145 his senior year, the first state champion to come from Trinity. Racked up a 34-0 record in that championship season.

Crespo's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1987-88	5	7	0	0



Chris Gelvin
Senior 126/134 pounds
Kettering/Fairmont

Finished fifth at regionals. Led the Raiders with a 22-10-1 record. Finished third at the Midwest Classic. Ranks eighth in career-winning percentage (.741) and eleventh in career wins (63). Won Mideast Regional and was a Division II All-American as a sophomore to earn co-MVP and Most Improved honors. Was team's MVP last season.

Gelvin's Record

Year	Win	Losses	Ties	Pins
1985-86	15	4	1	3
1986-87	26	8	0	4
1987-88	22	10	1	1
Totals	63	22	2	8

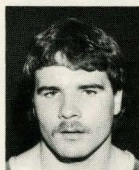


Deat LaCour
Junior 190 pounds
Xenia

Shared mat time at the 190 level while compiling a 7-6 record. Should again compete with Chris Tsamasiros for starting position. Put together a solid freshman season with 11 wins. Was Xenia's Most Improved Wrestler as a senior, winning the Western Ohio League and district tournaments.

LaCour's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1986-87	11	12	0	2
1987-88	7	6	0	0
Totals	18	18	0	2



Ken Smith
Sophomore 158 pounds
Xenia

Wrestled full season at 158 while amassing a 15-14-1 ledger, leading last year's freshmen. Should be a strong contributor to the Wright State season. Was a two-time state qualifier at Xenia. Compiled a 28-4 record as a senior.

Smith's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1987-88	15	14	1	1

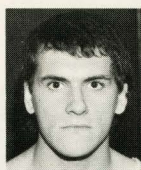


Skip Smith
Senior 134/142 pounds
Xenia

Red-shirted last season after winning All-America honors at the Division II level in 1987. Put together a 23-8 record as a junior. Looking for fourth consecutive 20-win season. Should be a key contributor for Raiders this season. Received Raider Award as a sophomore. Seventh on the all-time win list.

Smith's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1984-85	24	10	0	3
1985-86	28	11	0	5
1986-87	23	8	1	1
Totals	75	29	1	9

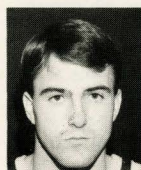


Christos Tsamasiros
Senior 190 pounds
Centerville

Compiled a 13-12-1 record last season while notching four pins to lead the Raiders. Is coming off preseason shoulder surgery. Will compete with Deat LaCour for starting position at 190. Former Western Ohio League and district champion.

Tsamasiros's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1985-86	8	5	1	3
1986-87	5	8	0	1
1987-88	13	12	1	4
Totals	26	25	2	8



Jay Utt
Sophomore 118 pounds
Fairborn

Notched a 3-3 record at 118 last season while sharing time with Tim Heyne. Heyne's exit should give Utt starting spot. Had a 24-5 record as a senior at Fairborn. Led Fairborn to an 11-2-2 record in his final season.

Utt's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1987-88	3	3	0	0



Jerry Williams
Junior 126 pounds
Casstown/Miami East

Was Raiders' best finisher at regionals, placing fourth in the 126 class. Put together a 12-12-1 season with one pin. Posted a 3-0 record at the Wright State Invitational and placed fifth at the Midwest Classic. Had slow start, losing seven of his first nine matches. Finished Miami East career with 116 wins and only 10 losses.

Williams's Record

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
1986-87	10	11	1	1
1987-88	12	12	1	1
Totals	22	23	2	2

Recruits



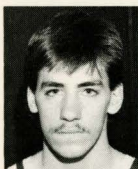
Travis Blake
Freshman 126 pounds
Belpre

Brings with him strong credentials from Belpre, including a 43-3 senior-season-record. Helped the Eagles to their first undefeated season at 20-0 and a first-place finish in the Tri-Valley Conference. An all-league selection, he won the sectional title in the 119 class and was second in the district meet. Earned four letters in wrestling as well as three each in football and track.



Duane Dyar
Freshman 118 pounds
Kettering/Fairmont

Finished a successful senior season at 22-8-1 and holds the record for most takedowns at Fairmont after only a three-year campaign. Took third place in the Western Ohio League his junior and senior years and advanced to sectionals his senior season, where he finished third.



Dan Parker
Freshman 126 pounds
Owensville/Northeastern

Claimed the Clermont County League title his final three seasons, earning him three all-league honors and all-city honors his senior year. Finished his senior year with a 30-9 record and holds the school record for most takedowns. Helped his team to a sectional and league championship his junior year and runner-up spots in both tournaments his senior year.



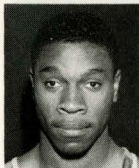
Joe Richardson
Freshman 167 pounds
Urbana/Graham

Captained the Falcons to a first-place finish in the Central Buckeye Conference his senior year. Squad also captured the championship his sophomore and junior seasons. Was selected to the all-league team three times. Was a member of the Raider Wrestling Club which won the 1986 Greco-Roman National Championship. Lettered in wrestling, cross country, and track.



John Trame
Freshman 150 pounds
Enon/Greenon

Posted a 15-6 record his senior season at Greenon. Was a member of the Raider Wrestling Club. Earned letters in wrestling and soccer.



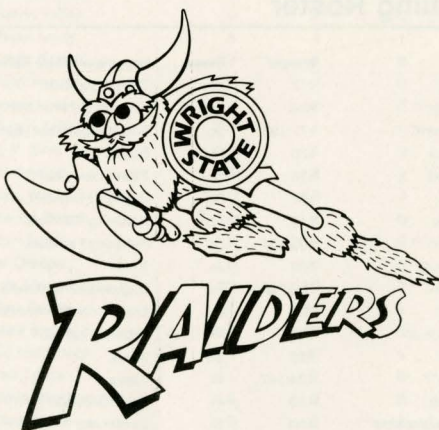
Adolphis Ward
Sophomore 190/Heavyweight
Cincinnati/Forest Park

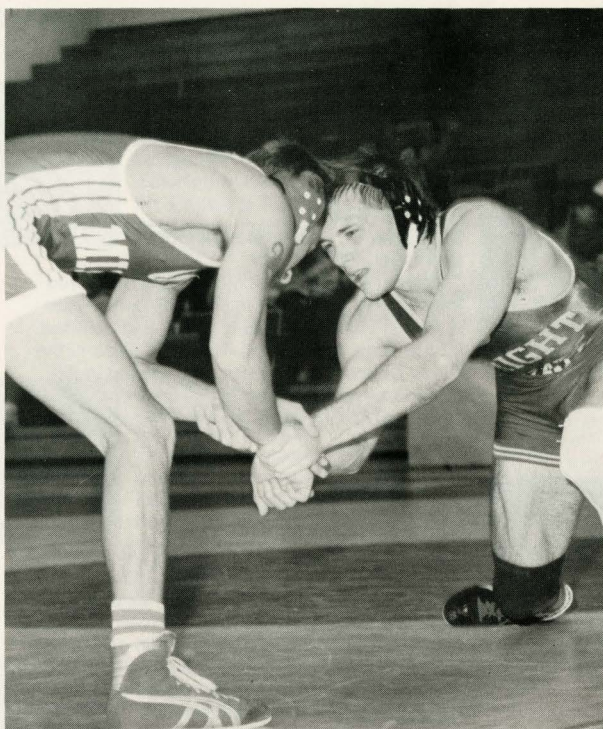
Transferred from Wilmington where he played football and wrestled. Finished his senior year at Forest Park with a 25-6 ledger and qualified for the state tournament. Took first place in the Cross Country Conference and second in the city and sectional meets his senior year. Collected All-Cincinnati honors in wrestling and football.



Chris Wazgar
Freshman 134 pounds
Hinckley/Highland

Earned his second All-Suburban League honor his senior season after posting a 31-8 record. Helped the Highland Hornets to a third-place finish in the state championship. Took third in the sectional championship and fifth at districts as a senior. Collected letters in wrestling, track, and cross country and was honored with all-league status in cross country.





1988-89 Wright State University Wrestling Roster

Name	Weight	Class	Hometown/High School
Matt Akers*	177	So.	Tiffin/Columbian
Jamie Baker**	Hwt.	Jr.	Fostoria/St. Wendelin
Dave Bierman*	177/190	So.	Batavia/Clermont Northeastern
Travis Blake	126	Fr.	Belpre
Aaron Bland*	126	So.	Tiffin/Columbian
Al Crespo*	150	So.	Garfield Heights/Trinity
Duane Dyar	118	Fr.	Kettering/Fairmont
Chris Gelvin***	126/134	Sr.	Kettering/Fairmont
Deat LaCour**	190	Jr.	Xenia
Brett Luebke	150/158	Fr.	Englewood/Northmont
Dan Parker	126	Fr.	Owensville/Northeastern
Joe Richardson	167	Fr.	Urbana/Graham
Ken Smith*	158	So.	Xenia
Skip Smith***	134/142	Sr.	Xenia
John Trame	150	Fr.	Enon/Greenon
Christos Tsamasiros***	190	Sr.	Centerville
Jay Utt	118	So.	Fairborn
Adolphus Ward	190/Hwt.	Fr.	Cincinnati/Forest Park
Chris Wazgar	134	Fr.	Hinckley/Highland
Jerry Williams**	126	Jr.	Casstown/Miami East

*Indicates letters earned.

1987-88 Results

Team Results (Won 7, Lost 7)

Nov. 21-22	Ohio Open (no team standings)
Nov. 28	Cleveland State 31, Wright State 12
Dec. 6	Pitt-Johnstown 24, Wright State 13
Dec. 11	Eastern Illinois 30, Wright State 12
Dec. 12	Wright State 21, Central Missouri 14
Dec. 12	SIU-Edwardsville 32, Wright State 9
Dec. 29-30	Sunshine Open (twenty-first of 34 teams)
Jan. 8-9	Midwest Classic (fifth of 13 teams)
Jan. 16	Wright State 26, Toledo 19
Jan. 20	Wright State 19, Miami 13
Jan. 23	Ohio 25, Wright State 13
Jan. 31	Hoosier Invitational (seventh of 8 teams)
Feb. 6	Wright State Invitational (first of 4 teams)
	Wright State 32, West Liberty State 11
	Wright State 37, Capital 6
	Wright State 29, Indianapolis 9
Feb. 9	Ashland 27, Wright State 9
Feb. 14	Edinboro 41, Wright State 6
Feb. 20	Wright State 25, Olivet Nazarene 9
Mar. 5-6	East Regionals (ninth of 16 teams)

Home matches are in bold type.

Individual Results

Weight	Name	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pins
118	Tim Heyne	6	16	0	3
	Jay Utt	3	3	0	0
126	Aaron Bland	0	2	0	0
	Jim Oney	1	2	0	0
	Jerry Williams	12	12	1	1
	Bill Thom	2	2	0	1
	Chris Gelvin	5	2	1	0
134	Galvin Talley	0	2	0	0
	Bryan Lewis	5	4	1	2
	Chris Gelvin	17	8	0	1
	John Herren	1	2	0	0
142	Bryan Lewis	0	5	0	0
	Galvin Talley	0	1	0	0
	J. P. Smith	5	5	0	1
	Al Crespo	6	8	2	0
	Rick Stocker	0	2	0	0
	Aaron Bland	0	2	0	0
150	Dan Smith	2	2	0	0
	Al Crespo	5	7	0	0
	Lee Meyers	13	12	0	4
158	Ken Smith	15	14	1	1
167	Matt Akers	8	16	0	1
	Ed McClintock	4	6	1	0
	Jeff Turner	1	2	0	1
177	Dave Bierman	6	9	0	0
	Matt Akers	0	2	0	0
	Jeff Turner	7	9	2	1
190	Chris Tsamasiros	13	12	1	4
	Deat LaCour	7	6	0	0
HWT	Jamie Baker	14	16	1	2

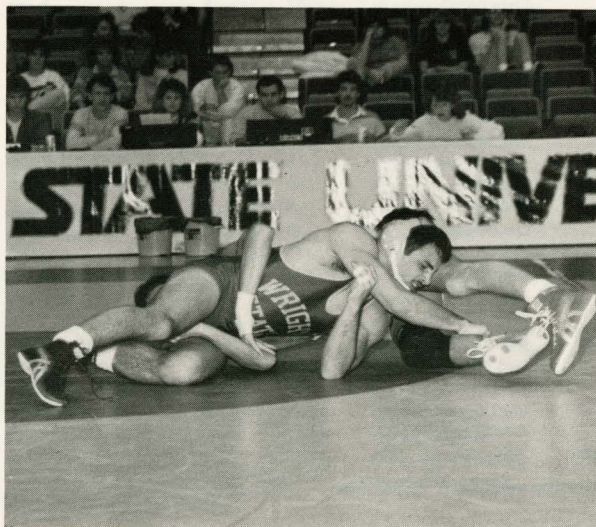
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All-Time Records against 1988-89 Opponents

Opponent	WSU	Opp.	Tied	First Meeting	Last Meeting
Ashland	0	7	0	1978-79	1987-88
Capital	5	2	0	1979-80	1987-88
Central Missouri State	1	0	0	1987-88	1987-88
Cleveland State	0	2	0	1984-85	1987-88
Dayton	13	0	0		1983-84
Eastern Illinois	0	1	0	1987-88	1987-88
Edinboro	0	2	0	1986-87	1987-88
Indianapolis	8	4	0	1975-76	1987-88
Miami	3	5	0	1976-77	1987-88
Ohio	1	4	2	1978-79	1987-88
Olivet Nazarene	2	3	0	1973-74	1987-88
Pitt-Johnstown	1	2	0	1985-86	1987-88
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	1	2	0	1985-86	1987-88
Tennessee-Chattanooga	0	3	0		1979-80
Toledo	1	2	0	1984-85	1987-88
West Liberty	3	3	0	1974-75	1987-88

Coaching Year-by-Year Results

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Coach	Division II Regional Finish	Division II National Finish
1974	6	8	0	.429	Stamat Bulugaris		
1975	12	11	0	.522	Stamat Bulugaris		
1976	17	11	0	.607	Stamat Bulugaris		
1977	11	7	0	.611	Stamat Bulugaris		
1978	13	5	0	.722	Stamat Bulugaris		
1979	13	8	0	.619	Stamat Bulugaris	2nd	
1980	13	11	0	.542	Stamat Bulugaris	6th	30th
1981	12	9	0	.571	Stamat Bulugaris	6th	
1982	7	11	0	.389	Stamat Bulugaris	8th	29th
1983	7	6	0	.538	Stamat Bulugaris	7th	
1984	14	4	0	.778	Stamat Bulugaris	6th	27th
1985	12	4	0	.750	Stamat Bulugaris	4th	10th
1986	13	3	2	.778	Stamat Bulugaris (150-98-2/.604)	3rd	22nd
1987	7	5	0	.583	Al Manning	5th	14th
1988	7	7	0	.500	Al Manning (14-12-0/.538)		



Top-20 Career Wins

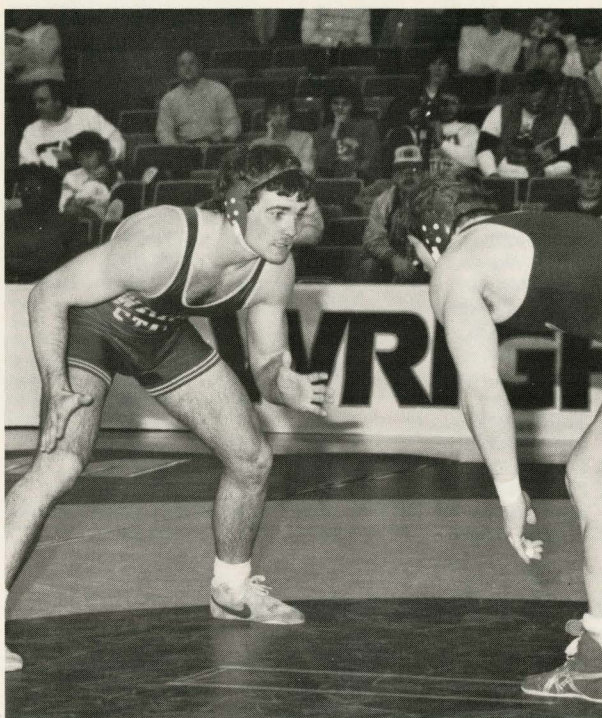
Name	Wins	Years	Record
1. Tim Begley	126	4	126-32-0
2. Jim Kordik	118	4	118-23-1
3. Jack Thomas	113	4	113-42-2
4. Ken Davis	90	4	90-29-1
5. Vince O'Brien	82	4	82-43-2
6. Kraig Keller	80	4	80-36-0
7. Skip Smith	75	3	75-29-1
8. Chuck Wray	74	4	74-39-1
9. Tony Mitchell	72	5	72-50-1
10. Dave Fullenkamp	70	4	70-47-6
11. Chris Gelvin	63	3	63-22-2
12. Craig Miller	61	2	61-13-0
13. Tony Ford	59	4	59-55-0
Rusty Hafer	59	4	59-32-1
Jim Parsons	59	5	59-39-7
Dan Willeford	59	5	59-39-0
17. Larry McCune	56	3	56-27-3
18. Dave White	51	3	51-17-3
John Carnes	51	3	51-24-0
20. Eugene Wright	49	4	49-33-1

Top-10 Winning Percentage

Name	Record	Years	Percentage
1. Rob Taylor	35-5-1	2	.878
2. Jim Kordik	118-23-1	4	.838
3. Craig Miller	61-13-0	2	.824
4. Tim Begley	126-32-0	4	.797
5. Dave White	51-17-3	3	.760
6. Ken Davis	90-29-1	4	.758
7. Chris Gelvin	63-22-2	3	.741
8. Jack Thomas	113-42-2	4	.726
9. Skip Smith	75-29-1	3	.715
10. Kraig Keller	80-36-0	4	.690

Wrestling Award Winners

Year	Most Valuable	Raider Award	Most Improved
1974	Rob Taylor		
1975	Rob Taylor	Mark Gerhard	
1976	Eric Harman	Terry Mohr	
1977	Jim Kordik	Chuck Wray	Eugene Wright
1978	Jim Kordik	Gary Wise	Jim Parsons
1979	Jim Kordik	Rusty Hafer	Dave Fullenkamp
1980	Craig Miller	Anton Zink	David McKinney
1981	Kraig Keller	Dan Willeford	Dan Roberts
1982	Kraig Keller	Dan Willeford	John Carnes
1983	Tim Begley	Ken Davis	Randy Sweigart
1984	Tim Begley	Tony Ford	Tony Mitchell
1985	Tim Begley	Jack Thomas	Skip Smith
	Ken Davis		
1986	Tim Begley	Skip Smith	Dave White
1987	Skip Smith	Jack Thomas	Chris Gelvin
	Chris Gelvin		
1988	Chris Gelvin	Jeff Turner	Dave Bierman



Division II All-Americans

2nd—Ken Davis, 158 pounds, 1985
 4th—Tim Begley, 126 pounds, 1985
 4th—Skip Smith, 134 pounds, 1987
 5th—Tim Begley, 126 pounds, 1986
 5th—Tim Begley, 126 pounds, 1984
 6th—Chris Gelvin, 126 pounds, 1987
 6th—Craig Miller, 142 pounds, 1980
 6th—Ken Davis, 158 pounds, 1986
 7th—Jack Thomas, 150 pounds, 1985
 8th—Kraig Keller, 142 pounds, 1982

Division II Mideast Regional Champions

Year	Name
1979	Jim Kordik, 118 pounds
1979	Craig Miller, 134 pounds
1982	Kraig Keller, 142 pounds
1985	Tim Begley, 126 pounds
1986	Tim Begley, 126 pounds
1986	Skip Smith, 134 pounds
1986	Ken Davis, 158 pounds
1987	Chris Gelvin, 126 pounds
1987	Skip Smith, 134 pounds

Raider Records

Most Pins	Craig Miller	14	1979
Fastest Pin	Jamie Baker	0:08	1988
Most Near Falls	Tim Begley	110	1986
Most Takedowns	Skip Smith	122	1986
Most Reversals	Larry Renner	32	1983
Most Escapes	Tom Jones	54	1981
Most Wins	Jim Kordik	34	1979
	Tim Begley	34	1985
Most Technical Falls	Tim Begley	12	1985
Most Superior Wins	Kraig Keller	12	1982
Most Major Wins	Tim Begley	8	1986
Most Career Pins	Tim Begley	29	1983–86

Wright State Wrestling

Location: Dayton, Ohio 45435

Nickname: Raiders

Colors: Hunter green and gold

Affiliation: NCAA Division I, independent

Enrollment: 16,270 (12,713 undergraduate)

University president: Dr. Paige E. Mulhollan

1987-88 record: 7 wins, 7 losses

Starters returning: 8

Letterwinners returning: 11

Letterwinners lost: 6

Head coach: Al Manning

Assistant coach: Jack Thomas

Director of athletics: Dr. Michael J. Cusack

Assistant directors of athletics: Paul Newman, Peg Wynkoop, and Jeff Sakal

Athletic promotions/ticket manager: Janeen Walker

Sports information director: Gary Giles

Head athletic trainer: Luis "Tony" Ortiz

Athletic department phone: 513/873-2771

Wright State University, founded in 1964 and granted full university status in 1967, is an accredited, independent state university located about ten miles northeast of Dayton, Ohio, a city with a metropolitan population of over 900,000. The university serves nearly 17,000 students in more than 100 undergraduate and thirty-two graduate and professional degree programs.

With more than twenty modern buildings, the Wright State campus offers excellent facilities for academics and administration, support programs, laboratories, arts and cultural activities, and recreation. Connected by a unique tunnel system, the buildings are designed to be accessible to people with disabilities and are equipped with elevators, electric doors, and ramps.

Wrestling is one of eight sports the university sponsors for men, along with seven for women. Wright State's teams were frequently ranked among the Top 20 Division II teams in their respective sports. The Raider athletic programs made the move to Division I competition in 1987.

Financial aid is available for Wright State student-athletes. On-campus housing is also available; interested students are encouraged to apply early. For more information about Wright State, contact the Office of Admissions, 513/873-2211; the Information Center, 513/873-2310; or the Office of University Communications, 513/873-3232.

On the back cover: 1988-89 Wrestling Team—Front row, left to right: Chris Wazgar, Dan Parker, Chris Gelvin, Skip Smith, Jerry Williams, Duane Dyar, Jay Utt, Travis Blake. Back row: Head coach Al Manning, Ken Smith, Augustin Jackson, Deat LaCour, Joe Richardson, Dave Bierman, Christos Tsamasiros, Matt Akers, Adolphis Ward, John Trame, Jamie Baker, Al Crespo, Aaron Bland, assistant coach Jack Thomas.

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